

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1 1. A barrette for animal hair, comprising:
2 a leaf spring clamp, the leaf spring clamp having upper and
3 lower springs having first and second ends, the first ends of the
4 upper and lower springs being pivotally joined together whereby
5 the upper and lower springs can pivot between an open and a
6 closed position; and
7 a piece of non-slip material affixed to one of said upper
8 and lower springs;
9 whereby the leaf spring clamp is adapted for clamping hair
10 between the non-slip material and the other of said upper and
11 lower springs when the upper and lower springs are held in the
12 closed position.
- 1 2. The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1,
2 wherein the non-slip material is a hook fabric material.
- 1 3. The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1,
2 wherein said piece of non-slip material is affixed to said upper
3 spring.
- 1 4. The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1,
2 wherein said piece of non-slip material is affixed to said lower
3 spring.

1 5. The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1,
2 further comprising:

3 a clasp coupler disposed on said second end of one of said
4 upper and lower springs; and

5 a clasp catch disposed on said second end of the other of
6 said upper and lower springs

7 whereby the clasp coupler and the clasp catch releasably
8 engage with one another to secure said upper and lower springs in
9 the closed position.

1 6. The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1,
2 wherein said upper spring comprises a support member and a spring
3 member.

1 7. The barrette for animal hair according to claim 6,
2 wherein said piece of non-slip material is affixed to said spring
3 member.

1 8. The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1,
2 further comprising a decorative ornament attached to the upper
3 spring.